[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—"I have to announce that to-day being Friday, the House will rise at 1 o'clock and resume at 3 o'clock. The House will adjourn at 4-30 p.m. instead of 5 p.m.

"To-morrow the House will meet at 12 noon instead of 11 a.m. and sit till 5 p.m. as usual."

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* GRANT OF YARN LICENCES

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Sir, under rule 36 of the Council Rules, I have given notice of an adjournment motion to discuss to-day a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the unsatisfactory action of the Government—

(1) In totally upsetting the recommendations of the local legislators in the districts with regard to the grant of wholesale licences and retail licences in cloth and yarn,

(2) in granting licences to persons not solvent enough and totally unconnected with trade or cloth trade in particular and in some cases to those who have not even applied and the required deposit not having been paid in time,

(3) in removing solvent and capable merchants, against whom there was no black record, from the list,

(4) in appointing outsiders who were not recommended either by the Collector or by the local legislators, and

(5) failure to retain old trade channels to the extent of 66 2/3 per cent as announced by the Government."

DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" I have not admitted the adjournment motion. Just as I was coming to this Chamber this morning, the notice was handed over to me. I am sorry I cannot give permission to the hon. Member to-day to move the motion."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" I applied to my Leader for permission to move the motion, but he refused to grant the permission. As a member of the Congress Party, I am bound by his decision."

DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" As the motion has not been admitted, the hon. Member cannot move it at all and it is out of order."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, as the hon. Member referred to the Leader, I, as the Leader of the House, wish to inform the House that he handed over to me a copy of the adjournment motion just as the House was about to begin its sitting this morning and asked for permission to move it. I went into the whole question and consulted the Minister concerned. The Minister gave the reasons why he could not accept the motion.